

### **REMARKS**

The Final Office Action dated August 19, 2008 contained a final rejection of claims 1-5 and 12-28. The Applicants have amended claims 1 and 20. Claims 1-5 and 12-28 are in the case. Please consider the present amendment with the attached Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. This amendment is in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

### **Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102**

The Office Action rejected claims 1-5, 12-17 and 20-28 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being anticipated by Roztocil (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0044868).

The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and submits that the combined cited references do not disclose, teach or suggest all of the elements of the Applicant's newly amended independent claims.

The Applicant's newly amended independent claims now include automatically checking for common errors associated during a prepress stage by automatically pre-flighting the document to be printed, automatically revising incorrect printing instructions and automatically adding missing printing instructions and automatically providing a remote proofing function for a customer of the document to be printed and automatically tracking the printing of the document by continuously monitoring and updating a status of the document to be printed. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification, and in particular, in paragraphs [0025] - [0038] of the Applicant's specification as originally filed.

In contrast, Roztocil simply disclose allowing a customer to submit a job during job origination by either physically delivering to the print shop one or more documents in hard copy or electronic form or by transmitting the one or more documents to the print shop via the Internet (see paragraph [0022] of Roztocil). Although Roztocil discloses workflow 200 that includes a preflight stage 204 that is performed using a workflow management software program that executes on a job preparation workstation 116 at the print shop (see paragraph [0036] of Roztocil), the program in Roztocil merely allows operators at the print shop to obtain data about the various

output devices 122 of the print shop, including their availability and capabilities (see paragraph [0045] of Rostocil).

Thus, since Rostocil does **not** disclose the Applicant's claimed automatically checking for common errors associated during a prepress stage by automatically pre-flighting the document to be printed, **automatically revising incorrect printing instructions** and adding missing printing instructions, automatically providing a remote proofing function for a customer of the document to be printed **and** automatically tracking the printing of the document by continuously monitoring and updating a status of the document to be printed, Rostocil cannot anticipate the claims. As such, the Applicant kindly requests withdrawal of the anticipation rejection.

#### **Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

The Office Action rejected claims 18 and 19 as being unpatentable over Rostocil in view of Kemp (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0078160).

The Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and submits that the combined cited references do not disclose, teach or suggest all of the elements of the Applicant's newly amended independent claims.

Specifically, the combined references simply disclose allowing a customer to submit a job during job origination by either physically delivering to the print shop one or more documents in hard copy or electronic form or by transmitting the one or more documents to the print shop via the Internet (see paragraph [0022] of Rostocil) and a system and method for printing over the Internet, which includes a client, a service provider, and a portal (see paragraph [0035] of Kemp).

As argued above, while Rostocil discloses workflow 200 that includes a preflight stage 204 that is performed using a workflow management software program that **executes on a job preparation workstation 116 at the print shop [emphasis added]** (see paragraph [0036] of Rostocil), the program in Rostocil allows operators **at the print shop** to obtain data about the various output devices 122 **of the print shop**, including their availability and capabilities (see paragraph [0045] of Rostocil).

This is unlike the features of the Applicant's claims which is at the **designer location and not the print shop**, checks for common errors associated during a prepress stage by automatically pre-flighting the document to be printed,

automatically revising incorrect printing instructions and adding missing printing instructions, automatically providing a remote proofing function for a customer of the document to be printed and automatically tracking the printing of the document by continuously monitoring and updating a status of the document to be printed at the designer location and not the print shop.

Instead, the combined references disclose that all aspects of the production work flow are performed at the print shop using its network, using workflow management software to simply obtain data on devices in the print shop (see paragraphs [0023-0033] of Rostocil). Also, unlike in the Applicant's independent claims, the client is **required** to submit queries to the portal when locating a suitable service provider by using job tickets (see paragraphs [0043], [0053] and [0056] of Kemp).

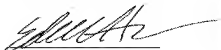
Therefore, because the combined cited references are missing at least one feature of the independent claims, the Applicant submits that a prima facie case of obviousness does not exist. As a result, the independent claims are patentable over the combined references. As such, withdrawal of the obviousness rejections of the claims is respectfully requested.

Further, with regard to the dependent claims, since they depend from the above-argued respective independent claims, they are therefore patentable on the same basis. (MPEP § 2143.03). As such, withdrawal of the obviousness rejection of the claims is respectfully requested.

Thus, it is respectfully requested that all of the claims be allowed based on the amendments and arguments. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue. Additionally, in an effort to further the prosecution of the subject application, the Applicants kindly requests the Examiner to telephone the Applicant's attorney at **(818) 885-1575**. Please note that all mail correspondence should continue to be directed to:

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